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Report of Meeting of

25X1A [] Ad Hoc Group on

Security Handling of Satellite Reconnaissance Materials

1430-1530, Room 5B2830, 27 July 1966
Central Intelligence Agency, Langley

25X1A Mr. R. H. Baraz, State

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25X1A 1. The first meeting of the Ad Hoc Group was held in [] office at 2:30 on 27 July. [] referred to Board action on General Carroll's 9 June memorandum (forwarded as an attachment to USIB-D-41.12/18; COMOR-D-7/45) and approved by the Board on 7 July (USIB-D-41.12/19; COMOR-D-7/47). [] referred specifically to recommendation 7 b of the 7 July meeting:

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"7 b. Approved the Acting CIA Member's recommendation that, as General Carroll's proposals are being implemented, a group also be formed for the purpose of analyzing the problem of removing KH-4 substantive products and method of collection from the T-KH control system and downgrading the material to SECRET security classification."

The Chairman advised the Group that the DCI had instructed him to form a group which would have strong representation from the production side (COMOR-M-374, paragraphs 2 and 3).

25X1A 2. The Chairman of the Ad Hoc Group advised members that this recommendation was an outcome of Dr. Sherman Kent's desire to explore the technical problems encountered if it were decided to break KH-4 photography and materials out of the TALENT-KEYHOLE system. [] emphasized that the Group is to concentrate on examination of this problem to figure the best way of accomplishing a measure of decontrol and downgrading from the T-KH system should it be decided by higher authority that this is desirable. The Chairman emphasized

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that the Group is not to concern itself with recommendations as to the desirability of effecting release. [] continued emphasis on the latter point by emphasizing that the Group had been chosen to represent a cross section ranging from those who had been closely associated with management of the T-KH system to individuals in the production stream, the particular concern of whom would be to make photography or information derived from photography readily available to analysts. The Department of State and CIA members, for instance, have both been associated with the problem of providing intelligence support to policymakers including those in State and ACDA. [] alternate, is with the DIA Production Center and therefore has a thorough appreciation of DoD problems along these lines.

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3. The Chairman reminded members that the actions so far required of the Group by the Board will have about the same timing as the study requested by General Carroll; a report to be made to the Board not later than 1 February 1967.

4. It was the Chairman's suggestion that some educational steps might be in order. He envisaged three of these:

Step 1. A tour of NPIC to become acquainted with TALENT-KEYHOLE products, the format of photography and reports, handling, etc.

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Step 3. DIA provide a briefing on how T-KH material is used in the production of maps and charts and targeting materials.

5. [] next requested that the Group review five alternative ways of downgrading KH-4 products, see Tab A. The earlier discussion and a review of the alternatives raised questions on comparative costs, how fully pictures could be used without revealing metric data, the possibility of decontrolling to TOP SECRET, and the comparative security of the SECRET classification in the agencies represented.

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6. The Chairman terminated the first meeting with a request that:

a. 25X1A [] arrange for a briefing on the use of T-KH material in maps, charts, and targeting materials, Step 3 above.

b. 25X1A [] consider how the NPIC tour should be organized.

c. Members study Tab A and either submit other alternatives or be prepared with alternatives at the time of the next regular meeting.

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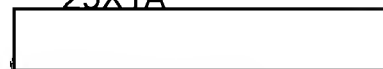


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Ad Hoc Group, COMOR

Attachment:
Tab A

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3,4	DIA TCO for []	25X1A
5,6	NPIC for []	
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Tab A

Possible Alternative Ways of Downgrading KH-4 Products

1. Downgrade to SECRET all past and future KH-4 photography and information derived therefrom.
2. Downgrade all future KH-4 photography and derived information but leave previous product in the T-KH system.
3. Downgrade all future KH-4 photography and derived information and authorize the use of previous derived information and/or selected cropped photography where necessary to discussion of information derived from new photography.
4. Downgrade selected cropped photography and derived information from past and future KH-4 missions but retain the roll film and photogrammetric data in the T-KH system.
5. Downgrade photography and information from outside Sino-Soviet bloc but leave coverage of Sino-Soviet bloc inside T-KH system.

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